

**September 2024**

**Events**

**Anniversary & Birthdays**

<b>Sunday</b>	1-Sep	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	1-Sep	(B) Kenny Dothager
	2-Sep	Labor Day (E) 7pm Ladies Aid		
Wed.	4-Sep		4-Sep	(B) Steve Hickerson (A) Bob & Janet Williams 1960
Fri.	6-Sep		6-Sep	(A) Doug & Pam Stein 1986
<b>Sunday</b>	8-Sep	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	8-Sep	(B) Mandi Austin
Mon.	9-Sep		9-Sep	(B) Deborah Harmeier (B) Steve Lotz
Wed.	11-Sep		11-Sep	(B) Kathy Crippen
Thur.	12-Sep		12-Sep	(B) Ryan Gramlick (A) Ronald & Abby Rogers 2015
Fri.	13-Sep		13-Sep	(B) Keith Cole
Sat.	14-Sep		14-Sep	(B) Roberta Schmid
<b>Sunday</b>	15-Sep	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	15-Sep	(A) Phil & Phyllis Richards 1967 (B) Bella Walk
Mon.	16-Sep		16-Sep	(B) Tom Wolf Jr.
Tues.	17-Sep		17-Sep	(B) Kathy Landskroener (B) Kay Schukar (B) Jase Torbeck (A) Travis & Amanda Torbeck 2011 (A) Jason & Shanna Wiseman 2022
Wed.	18-Sep		18-Sep	(B) MeLissa Gramlick (A) Pastor & Kathy Landskroener 1976
Thur.	19-Sep		19-Sep	(A) Gary & Roberta Schmid 1964
Fri.	20-Sep		20-Sep	(B) Michael Bauer
Sat.	21-Sep		21-Sep	(B) Liam Meadows
<b>Sunday</b>	22-Sep	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	23-Sep		23-Sep	(B) Phyllis Richards

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

On September 29, the Church celebrates the “Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.” It’s a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God’s gift of angels and their service. Perhaps the primary text about St. Michael is Revelation 7:7-12:

“Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.’”

Of course, we celebrate the casting down of the devil, Satan. Yet, the power and the force of his downfall is not Michael, nor the other angels, but Christ. For it is by the blood of the Lamb that the victory over the devil is won. That is, even on such a day, the focus is on Jesus and His death on the cross for our salvation.

Still, angels play an important part in the story of the Bible. In Isaiah 6 and Revelation 5 and 7, angels worship God in His presence. Other places, like Genesis 19 and Matthew 1 and Luke 1, angels bring messages from God to people. As mentioned above, Revelation 12 describes the work of angels as God’s warriors. Still, they are created beings, as is the devil, and therefore are not to be worshiped. Throughout the Bible we read of angels serving God’s people at His command.

The notion of guardian angels is rather popular. But is it Biblical? Well, Jesus says, “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.” (Matt. 18:10). Likewise, the Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer found in Martin Luther’s Small Catechism include the supplication “Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.” It’s suggested that Luther may have based that on Psalm 91:11-12: “For [God] will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” So, angels are God’s messengers, as we often read in Scripture, and His agents to guard and protect us from evil and the evil one. So we thank God for them.

Here follows the hymn of the day for St. Michael and All Angels. To God be the glory!

LSB 522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,  
With grateful hearts our voices raise,  
That angel hosts Thou didst create  
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.

2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace  
And constantly behold Thy face;  
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,  
In godly wisdom they excel.

3 They never rest nor sleep as we;  
Their whole delight is but to be  
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep  
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.

4 The ancient dragon is their foe;  
His envy and his wrath they know.  
It always is his aim and pride  
Thy Christian people to divide.

5 As he of old deceived the world  
And into sin and death has hurled,  
So now he subtly lies in wait  
To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,  
No halt nor rest he ever knows;  
He seeks the Christians to devour  
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
To guard His people where they go  
And break the counsel of the foe.

8 For this, now and in days to be,  
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,  
Whom all the angel hosts adore  
With grateful songs forevermore.

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God bless you and keep you in His care always.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

September 1 Pentecost 15 (Proper 17)  
Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9  
Eph. 6:10-20  
Mark 7:14-23

September 8 Pentecost 16 (Proper 18)  
Is. 35:4-7  
James 2:1-10, 14-18  
Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

September 15 Pentecost 17 (Proper 19)  
Is. 50:4-10  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 9:14-29

September 22 Pentecost 18 (Proper 20)  
Jer. 11:18-20  
James 3:13-4:10  
Mark 9:30-37

September 29 - Pentecost 19 (Proper 21)  
Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
James 5:(1-12) 13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

September 29 - St. Michael and All Angels  
Dan. 10:10-14; 12:1-3  
Rev. 12:7-12  
Matt. 18:1-11

**Ladies Aid meeting** will be Sept. 2 @ 7:00 pm. in Parish Hall.

**Thank you all!!!** Thanks to everyone who joined us in the celebration of my 30 Years in the Ministry on Sunday afternoon June 30th. Thanks to all our great cooks and bakers who brought all those delicious desserts, salads, and other side dishes. The food was outstanding. Many thanks also to everyone who helped serve and clean-up, especially working under a "Boil Order". We greatly appreciate your generosity and thank God for all of you. Pastor (and Kathy) Landskroener. Please accept our apologies for this belated thanks, we meant to have this in the August newsletter, but with Kathy in the hospital in July and August, we missed that deadline.

**PROVIDING ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT ON THE FRONT LINES...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Ethics of IVF, A Christian Approach to Death & Burial, The Movie "Alien: Romulus," "A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod" and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**I plan to ride in Bike MS on September 7 & 8.** I hope to ride at least 75 miles each day, if not 100. If you'd like to support the ride with a donation, I would be most appreciative. You can donate by giving me a check (made out to National MS Society), or you can give me cash (which I will then donate via online), or you can donate online here: <https://events.nationalmssociety.org/participant/420277> Thank you for your support and your prayers. Pastor

**Parish Hall reservations** – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don't know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.

**Contact** Pastor Landskroener 330-204-4180 or email [lawandgospel@hotmail.com](mailto:lawandgospel@hotmail.com) for a Pastoral visit.

**Prayer Request** – When prayers are requested, we ask that we are informed of the relationship of the person with our congregation. There has been concerns about names on prayer list & who they are. We will add the relationship to the prayers. This will allow members to ask about the individual's progress in recovery. In an effort to manage the list more effectively, individuals will be placed on the list for a period of four weeks. If at the end of that time, those people still need additional prayers, they may be re-added to the list for another four-week term. This may be done as long as the individual continues to need the added strength of the church prayer for their special need.

**Please Sign attendance books** in the pew, so Pastor is better able to serve you.

**Do you have a cell phone?** Do you text? Do you have a home phone? Some do some don't. How do you want to be contacted by the Church? The Church would like to contact you via text with any info, updates or closings. To receive a text message, you will need to give us your cell number. Normal text fees will apply. Please provide info to Scott with a note or email [storbeck@augsburchurch.com](mailto:storbeck@augsburchurch.com) or text 618-367-3355

**The current Dollar for Missions** project is for replacement of furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb, which is expected to cost some \$25,000. The Student Center was built 55 years ago. Equipment replacement like this is important so the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed and students can go on being reached there for years into the future. For more information visit <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

## Bible Word Search: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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COMFORTING

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SON OF GOD

GLORIFIED

LOVING

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TEACHER

HEALER

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### Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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